



Scotland Census Records

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Census Records for Scotland exist for many different years and the most complete and available for all of Scotland are 1841-1911 taken every ten years. These records are indexed and available on many websites and for purchase. They are also imaged and available on Scotlandspeople. They are also microfilmed and available through FamilySearch.

Census 1841

The 1841 census was taken on 7 June and gives

- Parish
- Name
- Age
- Gender
- Occupation
- Birth place of Y (yes) N (no) for born in the County F (foreign parts) E (England) I (Ireland)
- Residence

Census 1851-1901

- Name
- Parish
- Gender
- Relationship to head
- Marital status
- Occupation
- Birth place
- Residence

Census 1911

- Parish and street address:
- Name and Surname
- Number of persons in the house
- Relation to head
- Age
- Particulars of Marriage (How long in years) How many children and how many living?
- Profession or occupation and a worker or working at home.
- Birthplace
- Nationality

Websites for Census Indexes

FamilySearch familysearch.org

- Search Historical Records
- Learning Center
- The Catalog

Ancestry www.ancestry.com, www.ancestry.co.uk, www.ancestryinstitution.com

- Census and Voter Lists
- UK Census Collection
- Specific year for Scotland 1841-1901

Findmypast.co.uk www.findmypast.co.uk, www.findmypast.com, www.findmypast.ie

- Census Land & Survey
- All 1841-1911 or by specific year

Graham Maxwell Ancestry

- Specific indexes for some counties in Scotland 1841-1861

Scotlandspeople www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

- Search by specific year 1841-1911
- Different search strategies
- Once purchased index remains in your file

Websites for Census Images

Scotlandspeople www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

- Search by specific year 1841-1911
- Once purchased image remains in your file

Family History Societies

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies <http://www.safhs.org.uk/members.asp>

- Search the Family History Societies for Census indexes pre-1911
- Search the pre-1841 population listings
- Census 1801-1831
- Poll Tax
- Hearth Tax
- Heads of Families Listings
- Examination Lists
- Visitation Lists
- Lists of Inhabitants
- Population Lists

Census Search Tips

Index searches are usually good, but if you do not find the person or family, try different ways to search. Given name and birthplace only, Wildcards, address search, variation of spelling of surname.

Go to original record through FamilySearch (microfilm) Scotlandspeople (Images).